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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BAZOOKA ATTACK AT ORLY AIRPORT

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1. BELOW ARE FULLER DETAILS BASED ON WIRE SERVICE  
REPORTS OF BAZOOKA ATTACK AT ORLY AIRPORT SHORTLY AFTER  
NOON TODAY, WHICH DAMAGED A DC-9 OF YUGOSLAV AIRLINE  
JAT. STEWARD ABOARD JAT DC-9 AND FRENCH POLICEMAN WERE  
SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

2. EYEWITNESSES RECALL SEEING TWO MEN ARRIVE IN WHITE  
PEUGEOT AUTOMOBILE NEAR ORLY-WEST TERMINAL AND  
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UNLOAD WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS LONG TUBE COVERED WITH

ORANGE TARPULIN. THEIR ACTIVITIES APPARENTLY WENT RELATIVELY UNNOTICED, PRESUMABLY IN BELIEF THEY WERE WORKMEN. THEY WERE AT THE VERY END OF THE TERRACE AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE ORLY-WEST TERMINAL, WHICH OVERLOOKS THE FIELD FROM A HEIGHT OF A FEW YARDS. AT 12:20 PM, EL AL 707 WITH 136 PASSENGERS ON BOARD TAXIED PAST ENROUTE TO RUNWAY PRIOR TO TAKE-OFF FOR NEW YORK. WHEN EL AL 707 WAS ABOUT 130 METERS AWAY BAZOOKA UNDER TARPULIN WAS TRIGGERED AND TWO SHELLS WERE FIRED, BOTH OF WHICH MISSED EL AL AIRCRAFT. ONE SHELL WENT COMPLETELY THROUGH CABIN PORTION OF FUSELAGE ABOVE LEFT WING OF JAT DC-9, WHICH WAS TAXIING TO TAKE ON PASSENGERS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR ZAGREB. THIS SHELL CONTINUED ON TO BASEMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING HOUSING CATERING SERVICES, BUT CAUSED LITTLE DAMAGE. SECOND SHELL HIT THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING AND EXPLODED. THE TWO MEN FLED IN THE WHITE AUTOMOBILE, WHICH WAS LATER FOUND ABANDONED IN THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS OF PARIS, A NUMBER OF KILOMETERS AWAY. THE TWO BAZOOKA LAUNCHERS WERE FOUND ON THE BACK SEAT. A PISTOL WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN FOUND AT ATTACK SITE. (PRESS REPORTS DO NOT IDENTIFY MAKE OF BAZOOKA. PISTOL IS SAID TO BE OF EAST EUROPEAN ORIGIN.)

3. ORLY AIR POLICE OFFICIAL WHO IS IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION TOLD AFP THAT IT WAS PREMATURE TO CONCLUDE THAT EL AL JET WAS TARGET OF THE ATTACK. WHILE THIS HYPOTHESIS APPEARED THE MOST PROBABLE, HE SAID, POSSIBILITY COULD NOT BE RULED OUT OF ATTACK AGAINST JAT AIRCRAFT BY PERSONS OPPOSED TO PRESENT YUGOSLAV REGIME.

4. EL AL SPOKESMAN TOLD AP HE THOUGHT IT "HIGHLY UNLIKELY" ATTACK WAS DIRECTED AGAINST YUGOSLAV AIRCRAFT. HE SAID THAT TERRORISTS HAD AIMED TOO HIGH, SINCE SHELLS PASSED OVER THE EL AL PLANE. EL AL CREW AND PASSENGERS WERE APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF ATTACK UNTIL ALERTED BY CONTROL TOWER. PLANE TOOK OFF TWO HOURS LATER FOR NEW YORK.

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5. AFP REPORT JUST RECEIVED INDICATES ONE OF UNIFORMED SECURITY GUARDS (CRS) AT ORLY WAS ON HIS WAY TO HAVE IMPROPERLY PARKED PEUGEOT MOVE ON, WHEN HE SAW TERRORISTS AIMING AND THEN FIRING BAZOOKA. GUARD REPORTEDLY DREW HIS PISTOL BUT DECIDED AGAINST USING IT "THROUGH FEAR OF HITTING OTHER VEHICLES" (SIC). GUARD WAS ABLE, HOWEVER, TO GIVE SOME

DESCRIPTION OF THE TWO MEN.

6. WE ARE ENDEAVORING OBTAIN FULLER DETAILS FROM  
SGAC (STATE 7337 NOTAL), BUT OFFICIAL CONCERNED IS  
TIED UP WITH INVESTIGATION AND WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO  
MAKE CONTACT WITH HIM BEFORE TOMORROW.  
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